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FRACTIONAL CURRENCY COLLECTORS BOARD

PRE-MEMPHIS 2001 NEWSLETTER

LATE, LATE, WE'RE TERRIBLY LATE!!

Yes, I know this newsletter is terribly late. And as you can see from it's size, it is just that, a newsLETTER! Tom and I have both been terribly busy and have just not been able to put out a quality newsletter and I refuse to do one that is substandard. It seems that every time I call Tom, he is out of the country on business. I don't know from personal experience, but I have been told that you really can do "*business*" in exotic locations like Portugal, etc. (Milt—aren't you happy—I am making fun of someone besides you—buuuut—yours is coming later). I on the other hand have been busy interviewing for another job and preparing for our accreditation organization's visit. The latter will keep me from getting to Memphis before Friday afternoon at the earliest and worst of all, from exhibiting! First time in 16 years! The good news is that there has not been a lot of news to report, so you did not miss much. Hopefully, within two-three weeks of Memphis, I will put out a regular newsletter. It will have all the news and happenings from Memphis, new finds/homes for notes and at least a couple of articles (I have one that is full of false information and lies about the greatest man ever in Fractional—SMC, but I will publish it anyway!). So, please forgive us, as you will not miss any news, just an issue of me rambling and whining about not having information for the newsletter!

MEMPHIS MEETING

Make plans now to attend our annual meeting and to place an exhibit at the International Paper Money Show in Memphis. We will be having our annual meeting on June 16 in Ballrooms 3 & 4 at 2PM. Besides our normal business meeting, we will be having a bit of a different program this year. It will be "*Computerized Friedberg!*" No, not what some of us wish—Milt as an automaton with an OFF switch. Instead, it will be a presentation by the much esteemed (and maligned) **MR.** Friedberg on a project he and member Jerry Fochtman are working on. Jerry has been able to put the Simplified edition of the encyclopedia on an interactive CD and Milt will be previewing it for us and showing us how it works, getting our feedback, etc. We had the desire to publish the simplified in a format that was more book like, but the new wonders of computer technology may have led us down a much more desirable path. Come see Milt's presentation and give your feedback.

RAFFLE

At last year's Memphis, we got a couple of items and had a member raffle. There were a couple of really neat items and we raised over \$100 for the club. I would like to continue the raffle this year. If you have an item that would be of interest to our group you would like to donate, find me on the floor Friday or Saturday. I would like to have big-ticket items, not a lot of low-end notes. I will start the raffle off with a copy of that piece of yellow journalism by none other than the biggest scoundrel in Washington himself, Colonel Baker—his "The History of the Secret Service." This is the book that has the story about his investigation into Clark and Gwynn and is hard to find.

MEMBERSHIP

We are still adding members like crazy. We just added our 422nd member and we currently have 220 active members. Much of the credit for this phenomenal growth goes to you, our members for taking our club to your local shows, clubs and acquaintances.

DUES ARE DUE!

Speaking of membership, dues were due in January. Dues remain at \$15. Our group is small, so we have very little financial cushion to fall back on. We are very dependent on our member dues to be able to put out this newsletter and updates to the Encyclopedia and other information. At the last Memphis, we voted to not drop anyone from the rolls until they had not paid their dues by the Memphis meeting. So, if you have not paid your dues as of yet, send them to Dr. Lee or find him at Memphis. If dues are not paid by then, you will not get the next edition of the *FCCB News*. Please don't wait, send your dues **NOW!!**

NEW FIND/NEW HOME

I actually found something kind of rare! At the Texas Numismatic Association convention last month, I found a note that is only the fifth known of its' type. What is it? Well, let me get it authenticated at Memphis and I will detail it in the next newsletter. If you find something or a major rarity changes hands, let me know so that I can let Milt know so he can update the census and so that our membership can know of new finds. I will only use your name as the owner if you give me permission, otherwise it will be simply *"one of our members found....."*

FCCB WEBSITE

I hope you have been able to visit the FCCB website. It is a very nice site that is growing and getting better every day. Webmaster Paul Burkhard is to be commended for his hard work. Go visit it and give him suggestions for how you think it could be added to/improved. It is located at www.fractionalcurrency.org.

SPMC MEETING

As one of the governors of the Society of Paper Money collectors, I would like to invite and encourage everyone to attend the SPMC meeting on Saturday, June 16. It will be at 10AM and after a short business meeting and awards ceremony, Dr. Douglas Ball will give the program on "Confederate Bonds." He is very knowledgeable in this area, so it will be a dynamite program.